Compliance of Labour Laws by MNCs

2478. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Multi National Companies are not following Indian Labour Act;

(b) whether Indian Labour Act is applicable for the workers of MNCs working in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by Government to make it compulsory for MNCs to follow Indian Labour Act?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (d) Labour Laws are applicable to MNCs working in the Country. The State Governments are the appropriate Government for the enforcement of the labour laws in respect of Multi National Companies under whose jurisdiction the Factories/Units are set up.

Whenever there is any violation of labour laws, the appropriate/ corrective actions are taken by the State Government in accordance with these laws.

Technical training and financial assistance to artisans

2479. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any system to impart technical training and financial assistance to the artisans belonging to the weaker sections of the society to improve their efficiency with a view to meet international standards of excellence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, steps proposed to be taken by the Government to promote the interests of artisans of weaker sections of the society in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) DGE&T under the Ministry of Labour & Employment provides Vocational Training in 98 trades

under the Craftsment Training Scheme through 5114 Industrial Training Institutes/Centres (ITI's/ITCs) spread all over the country. These institutes are under the administrative and financial control of respective State Governments. The courses offered at these institutes provide necessary skills to school leavers including those belonging to weaker section of the society to make them employable. There is a provision for paying a stipend of Rs. 100 per month per trainee to all the trainees of Government run ITI's.

(c) Does not arise.

Youngsters registered in State Employment Exchanges

2480. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youngsters registered in the State Employment Exchanges throughout the country who are above SSLC, below SSLC and upto 8th standard; and

(b) the steps taken and the amount allotted to provide employment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Out of a total of around 4.14 crore jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on December 2003, around 3.03 crore were having educational qualification of 10th standard and above and around 1.11 crore were below 10th standard.

(b) Government have fixed a target of creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period in the normal growth process as well as through special employment generation programmes. These will help job seekers registered with employment exchanges also. Employment Exchanges are under the administrative and financial control of the respective State/UT Governments. Central Government do not allot any funds to them for this purpose.

New pension scheme

2481. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has offered to manage the New Pension Scheme contributions of the Central Government Employees; and